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Minutes of Meetings
for Business
of the
Old Saybrook Meeting
(under New Haven MM)

Mr. and Mrs. James Paul Brown, Jr.

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Minutes of Meeting for Business of the Old Saybrook Allowed Meeting of the New Haven Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends — held First Day, First Month, Thirtieth, 1955 at the home of Jim & Trudi Brown —

Jim Brown opened the Meeting by reading several queries after which there were a few moments of silence —

Trudi Brown offered to act as temporary clerk since there was none — and instead of reading previous minutes since there were none, she explained to new member the way friends conduct Meetings for business —

The clerk then asked if there were matters of concern to be brought up —

Jim Brown suggested that

our Meetings for worship should begin the minute we enter our room for worship, and that visiting be confined to after Meetings.

Those present spoke in favor of this procedure -

Jim Brown then suggested we have a covered dish luncheon after Meeting on Second Month 28th. Others favored this but no definite plans were made.

The clerk asked if the members wished to continue holding Meetings for Worship after Jim, Linda, Clement and Matthew Brown left for India. The Meetings was started by the Browns and always had been held in their home - The sense of the Meeting was that the members did want to continue Meetings for Worship -

Elizabeth Holmes offered her home for future Meetings and all

greatfully accepted her generous offer.

Mildred Pierce suggested that perhaps Old Saybrook Meeting could combine with Guilford Meeting in what might eventually become a shore line monthly meeting.

Jim Brown suggested that both Old Saybrook Meetings could meet in their respective towns regularly except for one first Day a month when they might meet together in Clinton at the home of Mildred Pierce which would be half way between the two towns -

Mildred Pierce said such an arrangement would suit her, and she thought there was value in wider affiliation, and that a larger group could more readely send representatives to Monthly, Quarterly and Yearly Meetings -

Marie Laing said that she thought the idea was good because it would be too far for her to go all the way to Guilford for Meetings.

Coleman Sweet said that although for the present he has to continue attending the Congregational Church where he sings in the choir, he is very interested in the Friends and wants to be able to go to Meeting wherever possible -

Jim Brown said Edith Leaver is interested in Meeting and also in starting a Wider Quaker Fellowship group at the Old Lyme Congregational Church.

The sense of the Meeting seemed to be to talk to Guilford before further action was taken, so Jim Brown called the Guilford Meeting and they were most enthusiastic about our proposal

according to John Kaltenback their spokesman, and so Wednesday night, February 16 was set as a joint meeting for business of the Guilford and Old Saybrook Meetings to be held at the home of Mildred Pierce in Clinton at 7:30.

[Note - this meeting was subsequently changed to Feb 9th when it was in fact held]

Jim further reported that John Kaltenback thought the matter should be laid before Quarterly Meeting in Hartford the following Sunday.

Mildred Pierce offered to go and take Grace Ward. Jim Brown said he too would go if possible.

It was decided that a discussion of finances should be put off until the meeting with Guilford —

Then meeting was closed

with a short silence

Trudell Brown
temporary clerk